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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: FEMA Proposal for a "National Assets Protection Program"

I have reviewed the subject proposal and concluded that this is simply another effort by FEMA to extend its areas of responsibility. There are already mechanisms in place to assess the terrorist threat--both domestic and foreign--at the national level. Threat information derived from foreign intelligence can be supplied to FEMA through the FBI or whatever national counterterrorism center might be put in place by the Vice President's Task Force on Combatting Terrorism.

Regarding the E.O. 10421 direction that "...Federal agencies which have, or can best obtain, data on plant locations, plant capacities, production, service industries, technical processes, and production requirements, and other similar information shall make available to the Secretary of Commerce such data and information", I do not believe that applies to any intelligence collection systems. If the Secretary of Commerce has requirements for such information to be used in emergency situations, this is not the proper forum to consider them.

In sum, this strikes me as something of a fishing expedition by FEMA and I do not recommend that we become involved. FEMA is over extended now; it should focus on tasks already allocated to it by Executive Order.


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